this report. At present, developmental schemes and programmes as sanctioned by the Central and State Governments are being implemented by these two States. In addition, Special Central Assistance being provided by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for the development of the tribal areas of these two States.

VHP and Bajrang Dal programme for construction of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya

323. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the programme chalked out by the Vishwa Hindu Parishad and Bajrang Dal for construction of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Government is aware of the programmes of the various organisations and the situation developing on the Ayodhya issue. In compliance with the Supreme Court's Judgement dated 24.10.1994 in the case of Dr. M. Ismali Faruqui etc. versus Union of India and others, relating to Ram Janma Bhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute, the Central Governement, as a statutory receiver, is duty bound to maintain the *status-quo*, as on 7.1.1993 in the disputed area.

Extension of Ceasefire with NSCN (IM)

†324. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have extended the ceasefire with North-East based terrorist group NSCN (IM) for one year;

(b) if so, whether Government have consulted the affected North-East States ande political parties before arriving at this decision; if not, the reasons therefor and if so, the reasons for such confrontation and exploding situation;

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(c) whether Government would like to reconsider its decision of ceasefire; and

(d) the details of the role to be played by the security forces, if NSCN (IM) acts against the local Kuki population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (b) Yes, Sir. Two formal rounds of talks were held with the Chief Ministers of concerned States, on 28th September 2000 and on 2nd March, 2001.

(c) Prime Minister held a meeting with the elected representatives from Manipur on 8th July, 2001. It has been decided that ceasefire agreement including the words "without territorial limits" would be reviewed. Prime Minister is taking a meeting with the Chief Ministers of six North-Eastern States and Governor Manipur on 27th July, 2001 on this regard.

(d) The security forces are fully authoritised to take all such actions as are required as per the law of the land to protect the people including the local Kuki population.

Effect of Maoist/ISI activiites in Uttaranchal

†325. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the Maoist and ISI activities in Nepal and its likely effect on Uttaranchal and adjoining plain and hilly areas; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to formulate some special safety plan for Uttaranchal which is having inadequate police and is being run under Patwari system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government propose to strengthen the existing 9 border posts along Uttaranchal-Nepal Border (275 Kms.) by better policing, intellignece collection and establishing new border posts.

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